MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I draw the attention of the member to the fact that the so-called improvements to tanks are not really improvements so as to benefit the ryots sufficiently in regard to the supply of water and that being so are the Government aware that difficulties are caused on account of that?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT: I am not aware of such complaints.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether the Government are pursuing a policy of restoring the already rertored tanks.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Tanks are restored whenever needed. But once restored the ryots should main'ain them.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Are the Government aware that the tanks restored are simply improved in name and that it does not satisfy the requirements of the ryots?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: No, Sir, the Government are not aware. There have been some complaints from the ryots regarding the inutility of the tanks that have been repaired by the department. But I may inform the member that some tanks are falling into disrepair owing to the ryots not carrying out their part of the work.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I draw the attention of the member to the Minor Irrigation Committee Report and the complaints received by them about the unsatisfactory way in which the department has carried on the improvement work in respect of the tanks?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: If the honourable member will bring to my notice the tanks he has in mind I shall be glad to take necessary steps to find out what the troubles are and rectify them as far as I can.

Investigation of minor irrigation works in the Nagercoil Division.

225 #MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the investigation of minor irrigation works in the Nagercoil Division provided for in this year's budget is progressing;

(*b*) if so, by whom the investigation is conducted; and

(*c*) the pakuthies or localities in which investigation has already been conducted?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) By two Surveyors under orders of the Section Officers.

(*c*) In the pakuthies of Vilavankod Taluk, east of Kuzhithurai river, and also in the pakuthies of the old Eraniel taluk and the Kalulam Taluk not commanded by the Kodayar Project.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know the number of estimates prepared in pursuance of investigation work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I claim notice.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Is the member aware that Tamaracolam tank in the Kunnatur pakuthi was once restored by the ryots on payment of half the contribution?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I claim notice.

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MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether any action has been taken by Government in the matter?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I claim notice.

Road from Eraniel to Muttom.

226. ✻ **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the road from Eraniel to Muttam has been closed;

(*b*) if so, for how long;

(*c*) the reason for closing; and

(*d*) whether the inconvenience caused to the public thereby, has been brought to the notice of the authorities?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From August 1934.

(*c*) In connection with the closing of the breach at Valliyar at Pallampalam.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know whether there is any possibility of carrying out the programme of work on a future day?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: It suggests future action.

M. N. Nayar Magazine.

227 ✻ **MR. K. R. NARAYANAN** (*Vaikam* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a newspaper (a periodical publication entitled the M. N. Nayar Magazine) is being published from the M. N. Nayar Memorial Press, Kottayam; and

(*b*) if so, whether this magazine has taken out a license under the Newspapers Regulation?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: എം. എൻ. നായർ എന്നപേരിൽ ഒരു പ്രസിദ്ധീകരണം ഉള്ളതായി അറിയാമൊ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു പ്രസിദ്ധീകരണം ഉണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ള ഉത്തരത്തിൽ നിന്നതന്നെ കാണാവുന്നതാണ്.

MR. K. T. THOMAS (*Tiruvalla*): May I know to which answer of the question the member is kindly drawing our attention?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു മാസിക പ്രസിദ്ധപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിയാം.

I am sorry Sir.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know for how long was it published?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Government have no information for how long the paper was published. It was in November 1935 the Government got information that such a magazine was printed at Kottayam and published from Cochin.

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